

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) An isolated EG-VEGF polypeptide comprising at least 95% amino acid sequence identity with residues 20 to 105 of SEQ ID NO:2, wherein the polypeptide promotes proliferation of adrenal cortex-derived capillary endothelial cells.

2-5. (cancelled)

6. (previously presented) The isolated polypeptide of claim 1, comprising amino acid residues 20 to 105 of SEQ ID NO:2.

7. (currently amended) ~~The~~ An isolated EG-VEGF polypeptide ~~of claim 1, wherein the polypeptide comprises comprising~~ at least 95% amino acid sequence identity to SEQ ID NO:2, wherein the polypeptide promotes proliferation of adrenal cortex-derived capillary endothelial cells.

8. (currently amended) The isolated polypeptide of claim ~~1~~7, comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.

9-11. (cancelled)

12. (previously presented) The polypeptide of claim 1, wherein the polypeptide sequence is a human sequence.

13-29. (cancelled)

30. (previously presented) A chimeric polypeptide comprising the polypeptide of claim 1 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.

31. (previously presented) A chimeric polypeptide comprising the polypeptide of claim 6 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.

32. (previously presented) A chimeric polypeptide comprising the polypeptide of claim 7 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.

33. (previously presented) A chimeric polypeptide comprising the polypeptide of claim 8 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.

34. (previously presented) The chimeric polypeptide of claim 30, wherein said heterologous polypeptide is an Fc portion of an immunoglobulin or a HIS tag.

35. (previously presented) The chimeric polypeptide of claim 31, wherein said heterologous polypeptide is an Fc portion of an immunoglobulin or a HIS tag.

36. (previously presented) The chimeric polypeptide of claim 32, wherein said heterologous polypeptide is an Fc portion of an immunoglobulin or a HIS tag.

37. (previously presented) The chimeric polypeptide of claim 33, wherein said heterologous polypeptide is an Fc portion of an immunoglobulin or a HIS tag.